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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nabil G. Seidah, et al.
Serial No.: 09/830,837
Filed: April 30, 2001
For: MAMMALIAN SUBTILISIN/KEXIN ISOZYME SKI-1:
A PROPROTEIN CONVERTASE WITH A UNIQUE
CLEAVAGE SPECIFICITY
Group Art Unit: --
Examiner: --

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case, Applicants wish to make the following amendments.

In the Specification:

1. Please amend paragraph 2, page 2, to read as follows:

It was further discovered by Cheng, D. *et al.* (1999) J. Biol. Chem. 274.22805-22812 that an enzyme called S1p, is capable of cleaving sterol-regulatory element-binding proteins (SREBPs), which function to control lipid biosynthesis and uptake in animal cells. Upon cleavage, SREBPs are released from cell membranes for translocation to the nucleus, where they activate transcription of genes involved in the biosynthesis and uptake of cholesterol and fatty acids. S1p and the present enzyme or the same. Therefore, for diseases involving